Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5731–S5793

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1579–1585, and S. Res. 272–273.   **Page S5773**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2012". (S. Rept. No. 112–81)

Measures Considered:

Generalized System of Preferences Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2832, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 141), McConnell Modified Amendment No. 626 (to Amendment No. 633), to provide trade promotion authority for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and for other trade agreements. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

Pages S5739–45, S5752–59, S5763–64

Pending:

Reid (for Casey) Amendment No. 633, to extend and modify trade adjustment assistance.

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Hatch Amendment No. 641 (to Amendment No. 633), to make the effective date of the amendments expanding the trade adjustment assistance program contingent on the enactment of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, and the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.   **Pages S5759–60**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 2011; that following the reporting of the bill,

Senator McCain, or his designee, be recognized to call up Amendment No. 625; that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, for debate on the McCain and Hatch amendments; provided further, that at 12:30 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Hatch Amendment No. 641 (listed above), and McCain Amendment No. 625, in that order; that there be two minutes, equally divided, prior to each vote; that there be no amendments, points of order or motions in order to either amendment prior to the votes on the amendments, other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; and that each amendment be subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold.   **Page S5792**

Appointments:

National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, and pursuant to provisions of Public Law 107–306, as amended by Public Law 111–259, announced the appointment of Senator Coats to serve as a member of the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John Andrew Ross, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.   **Pages S5760–63, S5793**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 140), Timothy M. Cain, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.   **Pages S5760–63, S5793**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5793.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2012.

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2012.

IRAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Iran from Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Asmar Amir, Colin Kahl, and Jaime Esteva, all of the Defense Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine new ideas to address the glut of foreclosed properties, after receiving testimony from Allan H. Dechert, New Jersey Association of Realtors, Edison; Robert Nielsen, National Association of Home Builders, Washington, D.C.; Chris Krehmeyer, Beyond Housing, St. Louis, Missouri; Laurie S. Good-

man, Amherst Securities Group, Austin, Texas; and Stan Humphries, Zillow, Seattle, Washington.

PROMOTING JOB CREATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting job creation in the United States, after receiving testimony from Alice M. Rivlin, The Brookings Institution, Harry J. Holzer, Georgetown University, and J.D. Foster, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform options, focusing on incentives for innovation, after receiving testimony from Scott Wallsten, Technology Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Michael D. Rashkin, Author of *Practical Guide to Research and Development Tax Incentives: Federal, State, and International*, Saratoga, California; Annette Nellen, San Jose State University College of Business, San Jose, California; and Dirk Pilat, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.1542, to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016; and

The nominations of Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, and Maurice B. Foley, of Maryland, all to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded open and closed hearings to examine intelligence community contractors, focusing on striking the right balance, after receiving testimony from Daniel I. Gordon, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Edward L. Haugland, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections, Office of Inspector General, and Paula J. Roberts, Associate Director for Human Capital, and Intelligence Community Chief Human Capital Officer, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Charles E. Allen, Intelligence and National Security Alliance, Arlington, Virginia; Scott Amey, Project on Government Oversight (POGO), and Joshua Foust, American Security Project (ASP), both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark